GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – A.P Fire Services – Periodicity for issuance of Renewal of No Objection Certificates with regard to Non Residential and Residential Buildings – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.218 **Dated: 22.12.2023**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.169 Home(Prisons & Fire) Department, dt.19.12.2019
2. G.O.Ms.No.90 Home (Prisons & Fire Services) Department, dt.13.08.2021.
3. G.O.Ms.No.120 Home (Prisons & Fire Services) Department, dt.25.10.2021.
4. From the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.553/MSB/ER-II/LC/2014, Dated:.04.2023.
5. Govt. Memo No.2062952/P&F/A2/2023, Home (Prisons & Fire) Dept., dated: 08.06.2023.
6. Committee Report and Recommendations, dated: 22.11.2023.
7. Govt. Memo No.2062952/P&F/A2/2023, Home (Prisons & Fire) Dept., dated: 08.12.2023.
8. From the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.553/MSB/ER-II/LC/2014 Dated: 08.12.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st, 2nd & 3rd read above, Government have issued orders for periodicity of issuance of Occupancy/Renewal of Fire No Objection Certificate and for undertaking inspections of Multi Storied Buildings and Hazardous Premises towards issuance of No Objection Certificate and other Fire Safety Measures.

2. In the reference 4th read above the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, proposed to amend the periodicity for issuance of Occupancy & Renewal of No Objection Certificates for all categories.

3. In the reference 5th read above, Government had constituted a Committee to study the issues of Fire Services Department relating to procedure of issuing of No Objection Certificates including periodicity. In the reference 6th read above, the Committee submitted recommendations to Government.

4. After careful examination of the report submitted by the Committee, Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee in the reference 6th read above. Accordingly, the same was communicated to the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada vide reference 7th read above. The Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, was requested to furnish necessary proposals as per the recommendations of the Committee.

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5. In the reference 8th read above, the Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, has stated that certain issues compromising the fire safety have been observed by the field officers. It was observed during field inspections that the owners of the premises were shifting the fire safety equipment from one premises to another premises temporarily during inspections for sake of obtaining NOCs from the Fire Department, as validity period of NOC is long and many of the NOC are on self certification by the owners of the premises. This practice is seriously compromising the safety of the occupants and is a violation of Fire Service Act' 1999. In order to curb this kind of practice regular inspections at least annual or biannual are required to maintain equipment in working condition and enforce provisions of Fire Services Act, 1999 for safety of the inhabitants of the buildings/premises.

6. The Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, has therefore requested the Government to issue orders duly suppressing the G.O.Ms.No.169 Home (Prisons & Fire) Department dated: 19.12.2019, G.O.Ms.No.90 dated: 13.08.2021 and G.O.Ms.No.120 Home (Prisons & Fire) Department dated: 25.10.2021 for issuance of Occupancy & Renewal No Objection Certificates for various categories of buildings, as recommended by the Committee.

7. Government after careful examination of matter and in supersession of the orders issued in the references 1st, 2nd and 3rd read above, hereby order as follows:

The occupancy No Objection Certificate shall be issued for one (01) year Validity and the Renewal No Objection Certificate validity period shall be as per periodicity given below in the table:

I. PERIODICITY OF RENEWAL NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE

S.No.	Name of the Occupancy	Renewal Period
1.	Residential Buildings 18 Mtrs., and above in height other than Hotels	03 Years
2.	Educational Buildings height below 30 Mtrs.,	03 Years
3.	All other Non-Residential Buildings below 18 Mtrs., including Hotels	02 Years
4.	All Low and Moderate Hazard Industries	02 Years
5.	All High Hazard Industries and Hazardous Buildings	01 Year
6.	All other Buildings 18Mtrs., and above which are not covered in Sl.No.1 to 5	02 Years

I. (A) SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:-

i. The Management shall obtain Renewal NOC after completion of (01) year period from the date of Issuance of NOC for occupancy.

ii. The collection of user charges for Renewal of No Objection Certificate shall be done for the aforesaid renewal period together for Non-Residential and Residential Buildings.

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I.(B) LIABILITY TO MAINTAIN FIRE SAFETY MEASURES:-

i. The Occupier/Owner/Builder/Management concerned of the building (or) premises, shall maintain the Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Measures provided in the building as per the Occupancy NOC at all times for good use by the occupants (or) members of Fire Services (or) both in the event of out break of Fire.

ii. The Occupier/Owner/Builder/Management concerned of the building (or) premises shall submit declaration every year in prescribed format as furnished by Fire Services Department that Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Measures provided are being maintained in good and efficient condition, in accordance with Act and Rules.

8. This order will be effective for issuing only new fire No Objection Certificates (NOC). For already issued No Objection Certificates (NOC), prior to issuance of this order, the period as mentioned in the already issued No Objection Certificates (NOC) will be valid and only on the expiry of the validity a new application shall be obtained and provisions of this order will be applicable.

9. The Director General, State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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